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"SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES"

These words tell the whole story of Co-Laborers, Inc. Ever since the very first missionary movement of the Christian Church, self-supporting laymen have spread the Gospel with the regularly ordained or specially selected messengers. Paul embodied both of these principles. He supported himself much of the time as a tent-maker but, at times, he took support from Christians. If one recalls that every true Christian witness is a missionary then almost 100% of the missionaries are self-supporting. Our great burden and vision is to get such self-supporting missionaries out to the foreign neglected areas. There are some places of great need where it is almost impossible for a white man to support himself. There are other places where only self-supporting lay witnesses may go. There are many places where there is room for both kinds. The sad fact is that the job opportunities in most mission areas are held, not by true earnest Christians, but by worldly people, many of whom work against the missionary. Will you pause now just a moment, and pray the Lord of the Harvest to send Christians into these strategic job openings?

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"I WILL GIVE THEE THE HEATHEN"

Do we want them? --- He does!

"Stricken, smitten, and afflicted
See Him dying on the tree."

He lives in us; our life is hid with Him. How can we help but want or desire that which He yearns for? HIS STRATEGY—"Ask of Me" Ps. 2. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest," Matt. 9, Lk. 10 (Have you read this far without praying?) Chas. Studd prayed a short simple prayer, "Lord, how is it that you haven't sent any missionaries to the heart of the Congo?" The result of that prayer found thousands of blacks kneeling before the Lord Jesus in a few short years, many of whom are home in Heaven today. "Pray ye!"

The AMEN of the Christian Fellowship

"For years we have prayed for such an organization." "It should have been initiated fifty years ago." "Just what we have been looking and praying for." "God bless and prosper this movement it is so desperately needed." "I have pled and earnestly endeavored to get the Boards to start such an organization. Now thank our Dear Lord you folks have got it going. I feel like joining up."

We highly regard the hearty endorsement that has come to us from fellow Christians worldwide and from many of their leaders who have greatly encouraged us, some of whom are:

Dr. Paul Rees	Dr. T. J. Bach
Dr. "Bob" Cook	Dr. McKay
Norman P. Grubb	Mrs. Cowman
Dr. B. M. Christensen	Dr. Edmunds
Dr. Frank Laubach	"Billy" Graham
Dr. J. Edwin Orr	Armin Gesswein
Dr. Ira W. Moomaw	Rev. A. C. Snead
Dr. N. A. Jepson	Rev. Paul Fleming

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. The spread of this Vision or idea to every Christian fellowship.
2. That every Christian applicant who can qualify for some job opening or opportunity may find favor with officials and executives and be given preference.
3. That hundreds who have applied to us for information may soon be enabled to get out to the needy area where our Lord wants them.
4. That to our office there may come an ever increasing volume of information about new job opportunities and possibilities.
5. That Christian Campuses may receive this challenge and desire to promote it amongst their students.
6. That Christian editors will feel greatly inclined to write it up for their reading public.
7. That Christian radio speakers will give this program favorable com-

ment and encouragement to their audiences.

8. Pray especially for those who have gone, that God will use them and make them centers of spiritual power and blessing.

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AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES

There are thousands of Americans in foreign lands earning their living. Our U. S. Govt. through many of its offices hires civilians and sends them out if they can qualify. The Air Force alone hires personnel for about 160 different types of jobs. The U. S. Civil Service Commission, Wash. D. C. has published Pamphlet 29, Jan. 1950 "Federal Jobs Outside The Continental U. S." Everyone should write for this valuable pamphlet, study it, and pass it around to Christian friends, especially to young people. It can be purchased in quantities from the Supt. of Documents, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, Wash. 25, D. C. for 10c a copy.

Many companies hire people and send them out to scores of different foreign places. A new book just out has compiled from a maze of data, the important facts and places to contact for foreign jobs. Its title is "Jobs That Take You Places" by Joseph Leeming, published by David McKay Publishers, Philadelphia, Pa. $3. Every Youth Group in every church should have this book for its library. We highly recommend it and feel that every Co-Laborer should have it not only for themselves but also to circulate amongst their Christian friends. Order it through your nearest Christian Book Store. The book is not written for Christians but it ought to be known by all Christians who are consecrated to His cause of bringing Christ to the Nations.

Colonization projects are the open door for thousands of Christians who otherwise cannot qualify for specialized jobs. Many areas are open today for this type of person. Ever since the landing of the Mayflower, America has been the land of colonists. Today we should seriously consider the possibilities of colony projects as evangelical centers. This will require much prayer and careful planning but eventually it will pay off best for the Gospel. Those interested please write to us and also contact the Consular Office of whatever country you desire to go to.

Specific Opportunities

TEACHERS

Are you an accredited school teacher? Or do you know one who is a true Christian? If you have had 2 years of experience you are qualified for a job that will take you out to one of the most strategic and vital areas for the spread of the Gospel. Be sure to get Pamphlet 29. On page 27 and 28 are listed many addresses to which you should write. If you are a British subject write to, The Ministry of Education, External Relations Branch, Curzon St., London, W. I., England.

NURSES

If you are a registered Nurse you can write to the following: 1. Judson H. Lightsey, Div. of Foreign Service, Dept. of State, Wash. D. C.; 2. Chief of Office, Panama Canal, Wash. 25, D. C.; 3. Personnel Office, Inst. of Inter-Am. Affairs, 499 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Wash. 25, D. C.; 4. Chief, Overseas Branch, Sec. of War, War Dept., Wash. D. C. Also look up foreign job opportunities in your R. N. Magazine.

SECRETARIES

Clerk-stenographers, clerk-typists, secretaries, court-reporters, telephone operators, and teletype operators are in demand in many places. Write to the War dept. office, same as 4 above. Also Recruitment Section, Div. of Foreign Service Personnel, Dept. of State, Wash. 25, D. C. Be sure to read the book, "Jobs That Take You Places." If you cannot afford to buy it, try your library. Ask them to get it for you.

ENGINEERS and TECHNICIANS

The possibilities are so numerous that we cannot start to compile them in this limited space. Be sure to read Chap. 4 of "Jobs That Take You Places." The long list at the close of the chap. will give you many addresses to write to.

If you personally cannot qualify for a specialized job, be sure to tell those Christians who can.

DO NOT reveal your missionary interest when applying for overseas jobs. Officials expect people to be religious, but they are not interested beyond that. It might hinder you from an opportunity.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

(The following excerpts are from a letter we recently received by a Co-Laborer working in Japan)

"There are many advantages to doing missionary work in my circumstances; the salary is good and the more money one gets the more it can be used for the Lord's service. Missionary finances provide them with only the bare necessities," (Co-Laborers, Inc. rejoices in this generous spirit and will encourage it amongst all its people). "Two missionaries asked me to start a children's work in their station. The first week we had 18 children and within 2 months the class had grown to 250. An English school wanted a Bible teacher, so every Wed. evening I teach three periods there. One girl was saved before Christmas and is walking with the Lord. The Lord has also given me a former Buddist girl to shepherd. Once a month I attend a Bible Class for Christians where I teach the lesson and furnish music with my accordion. One missionary went inland and left me in charge of a class of Junior girls, dependents of the Allied personnel. A few are Christians but the majority are not. Each Wed. afternoon I go out to a mission home and do their correspondence. I spend about 4 hours at it. You may ask how I find time for all this? The Lord was good in finding this job which gives me so much spare time. One who has had secretarial experience will always be in demand. Just plain typists do not stand such a good chance as nationals can do that. The Govt. always has openings for people who have had specialized training. They are still recruiting people from the U. S. for Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Alaska, Panama, So. America, So. Africa and Europe. I would advise those interested to contact the Army Engineers or the Air Force. Once a stenographer is here she can always find work in private industry."

From a Co-Laborer in Hawaii

"Since arriving here I have been doing visitation work and helping in the new Sunday School. Another evening I sponser the Inter-School Christian Fellowship. Another opportunity has opened up for me to teach in a Bible Institute on Fri. evenings. I also hope to have Child-Evangelism classes shortly."

NEWS FROM THE HOME BASE

"If Co-Laborers, Inc. is of God, then all it needs is a start", said a well-known Christian leader about a year ago when we were incorporated. Within this past year, this has come to fulfillment in a gracious and wonderful manner. Letters of inquiry come in daily from all parts of our country and from many different lands. We pass on information to everyone who can possibly qualify for any of the openings we know about. Hundreds of letters have been sent to missionaries asking their help in spotting jobs in their area for true Christians. Some Co-Laborers have gone, many are on the waiting lists, and hundreds have taken the initial steps.

FINANCES

Co-Laborers, Inc. earnestly requests that no money be sent us to help in this work that would otherwise go to "regular" missionaries. At present no salaries are being paid. We earn our own bread and butter. Our Christian friends who remember us with gifts are the ones who carry the load of printing, office expense, mailing, etc. Their reward, we trust, comes in the knowledge that they are obeying His promptings and pleasing Him. A C. P. A. who is also a splendid Christian Bible Class teacher, is our auditor, and a Christian mother who was formerly connected with one of the largest banking institutions in the country does our bookkeeping. Neither of these take any remuneration. We believe that as we give ourselves to helping others to God's place for them in some needy area, they in turn will eventually support this work. This will make it possible for us to reach out further afield and more rapidly.

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There is a subtle temptation to opportunism for all who initiate any sort of missionary program today. Self-sacrificing missionaries have built up a back-log of good-will all over Christendom. There is a danger that some will tap this reservoir of good-will just for their own ambitious purposes. We earnestly pray to be kept from this. Co-Laborers, Inc. does not aim to be a great organization. We pray that it may be more

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CHRISTIANS AWAKE!

Protestanism is still bewildered and chagrined at the preparedness of the Roman Church to pour hundreds of missionaries into Japan the moment the doors were opened. They are so far ahead of us numerically that we may never be able to catch up. Yet it was mostly Protestant money and Protestant blood that paid the price for this open door! Once again a glorious door of opportunity has swung open for a great Gospel advance. A needy world is clamoring for our technical skill and "know-how". Wave after wave of Americans are going out to these needy areas, but where are the earnest vital Christians?? We alone have the Gospel of Love which is the only power to save the world from the horrors of war and doom. It can only be translated by helping hands and generous hearts aflame with the love of Christ. Shall we not give up our comforts and conveniences, our loved ones and social ties, and if necessary, even our lives NOW for HIM? Or shall we indolently continue to "take our ease" now, only to be demanded by our country for the bloody conflict which we have not averted by sharing the Gospel of love? Will we continue to let the pleasure-loving, adventursome, worldly people fill up this vacuum?

What if we had been alive and ready for such a program when Russia opened her doors and invited American helpers in the early twenties? What a different picture we could have had today. Because we were unprepared then we face the ghastly prospect today of desolate cities, millions of blasted bodies-our own and our childrens amongst them, ruined civilizations and a black, charred, twisted mass of appalling wreckage. May God stab our guilty complacency to realize that there is hope if every one of us obeys Him NOW.

President Truman evidently sees some of this. Congress has passed his point 4 program. It has to do with sharing our American technical skill and know-how with the backward nations of the world. Pray much for him. 1 Tim. 2:2. With this added impetus to our program are we as Christians going to be prepared to meet its possibilities? Pray much and DO what He reminds you to do.

SOME THINGS EVERYONE CAN DO

Every Christian should earnestly pray with a sense of desperation for the speedy evangelization of the world. Every Christian should offer himself to God for such service and seek diligently to find God's place for him in this last great advance.

Get the pamphlet and book mentioned and every bit of literature you can and spread it around.

Apply to your nearest State Employment bureau for foreign jobs, and get on their list.

Apply to the Govt. for any job for which you may feel qualified in foreign lands.Write in to Co-Laborers for our Job Information Sheet.

G. I.s have until July 1951 to apply for schooling in foreign lands. See your veterans bureau.

College and Univ. students should apply to their placement service bureau for foreign positions.

Write to missionaries you may know asking them for any information about job opportunities in their area.

Be sure to send us all foreign job information you have.

Be sure to let us know of any developments. If there are other and better ways to get out to needy areas tell us about them and "Go-Ye".

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of an organism than an organization. Co-Laborers, Inc. cannot be a sending agency. Rather it is a service center or nerve center to which any may apply for information and help who desire to go out to the uttermost parts with Christ as they earn their own way.

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Mohammedan business men have left homes and loved ones for foreign lands to win millions of converts as they carry on their trade. What they do for a dead Mohammed cannot our Christian business men do for our Living Christ??

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CO-LABORERS, INC.

(A non-profit organization which has been formed to act as a co-ordinating agency to assist in evangelizing the world by helping self-supporting Christian witnesses obtain opportunities to earn their own living as they establish themselves on foreign fields.)

TWELVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PRAY FOR IT

One thousand million souls who have not been reached for Christ still challenge the combined resources of the Christian Church. Any organization that can reduce this staggering figure, without hindering the efforts of sister organizations, is a welcome ally in this greatest of Enterprises.

Many believe that self-supporting missionaries who ply their trade in needy areas is the only way that the manpower of the Church can be satisfactorily harnessed for execution of the Great Commission. Following are some of the reasons that Co-Laborers, Inc., feels that there is a place for such a ministry.

1. IT IS A SCRIPTURAL METHOD

The first wave of missionary activity was a great lay movement. All except the Apostles were scattered abroad and they all went everywhere preaching the Word. (Acts 8.) It is obvious that they supported themselves. Paul, the greatest of all missionaries, used this method almost exclusively (Acts 20:34) even though he was a fully ordained and accredited missionary of the Church.

2. IT IS AN HISTORICAL METHOD

Eusebius comments glowingly on this method of laymen selling their homes and possessions

and going out to the uttermost parts as witnesses for Christ. Other historians tell what an important part Christian businessmen and traders played in the spread of the Gospel. This proven method needs re-emphasis, in that it has been obviously neglected.

3. IT ELIMINATES MAJOR HINDRANCES

The greatest obstacle in foreign missionary work today is recognized to be the lack of finance. Self-supporting Gospel witnesses will not divert a penny of present missionary sources. Furthermore, some of the requirements which mission boards of necessity must enforce need not be so strictly applied. For instance, if a man seeks to bear witness to Christ in a foreign community, his age, number of children, linguistic abilities, and formal education need have no bearing on his participation in the Great Commission.

4. IT WILL NOT BE DRASTICALLY AFFECTED BY TRENDS

Depressions and other world contingencies, such as war, could not effectually curtail such a program.

5. IT IS TIMELY

With the whole world crying for the advantage of America's technical skills, this program becomes eminently feasible. Thousands of people are moving from their homes to accept remunerative positions in other countries — why should they not be Christians, with a vibrant testimony?

6. IT PROVIDES AN OTHERWISE IMPOSSIBLE ENTRANCE TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES

Many governments frown on, and even prohibit the entrance of missionaries, but they gladly welcome agriculturists, engineers and businessmen.

7. IT ESTABLISHES A MUCH NEEDED CO-ORDINATION

There are large numbers of earnest Christians who long to actually get out to the foreign mission field. A co-ordinating organization that can put them in touch with job opportunities, having Gospel opportunities, is all that they need, along with a medium for directive fellowship.

8. IT EMPHASIZES THE BASIC ESSENTIAL IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The appeal of a consistent Christian life provides at least half of the persuasive effectiveness of the Gospel. This power can surmount even the language barrier, and would not be limited by lack of formal training. One example is better than a thousand arguments.

9. IT CAN IN NO WAY BE COMPETITIVE WITH ESTABLISHED GOSPEL WORK

Every organization or group interested in spreading the Good News can include this program in their work.

10. IT IS IN KEEPING WTH THE ALL-OUT CHALLENGE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Such a program would ask of our finest minds and most capable hands a willingness to give their best to Christ. In too many instances the born-again man or woman who is not gifted in public speaking or music feels that there is no place of importance that he can fill in the Gospel enterprises. Under this method, any person can be out on the front lines under the guiding hand of the Lord of the Harvest.

11. IT ACCENTS THE GREAT COMMISSION

Any organization that does this in the light of the Word of God, and endeavors to obey the command to "go" may legitimately feel that their emphasis is needed. The Great Commission has very few restrictive conditions, and it faces us with a stupendous unfinished task which Christian conscience cannot avoid. Co-Laborers are needed out there.

12. IT WILL GREATLY BENEFIT THE HOME CHURCH

The fact one or more goes forth from the local church will greatly help the spirit of Prayer, the world vision of Missions and the spirit of Evangelism in the home congregation.

CHALLENGE

Our generation can be evangelized. Our Lord has commanded us to bring the Gospel to every creature. He has assured us that the Gospel shall be preached to every nation before He returns. Today we have a unique opportunity such as no other generation ever had, to fulfill His Great Commission. With all our material blessings and "know-how" the whole world is open for our help. You can help in this program by the following means:

1. Prayer. Help lay this before all your praying friends.
2. Spread this vision, write to your Christian editors and radio broadcasts, and post notices on your Church bulletin board.
3. Distribute literature about this program. Send us the names of those who pray and are vitally interested in evangelizing our generation.
4. Volunteer to go yourself. Write for application blank.
5. Help us to launch this program by your financial assistance. Eventually it will become entirely self-supporting.

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